

MRS. WATT GETS DIVORCE DECREE

Suit Was Brought in Orange County and Testimony Heard Before Referee, Who Decided Against the Commodore.

After creating a scandal by suits and counter-suits for separation and divorce, dragging in the name of persons whose characters have been smirched and who have had no opportunity to defend themselves, Commodore Watts and his wife Adele have been divorced.

An order that there might be no more unpleasantness, a suit by Mrs. Watt against her wealthy husband was brought in Orange County. There the testimony was heard before a referee, who decided in Mrs. Watt's favor, and the decree will be signed on the 15th of this month.

Commodore Watts put in a reply and there was the appearance of a contest, but there was no such fight made as was put up by him, as was suggested in the counter suit and the affidavits in the case.

No Reflection Upon Mrs. Watt. So far as known there was no testimony taken at the suit in Orange County that reflected upon Mrs. Watt and no effort was made to prove the acts alleged wherein Mrs. Watt's name was used as a counter-suit.

The Rev. Dr. George R. Van De Water and Major W. H. Truman, of the Old Guard, who were the witnesses in the divorce proceedings originally came as a great surprise. Mrs. Watt formerly was a Mrs. McLaughlin and obtained a divorce from her first husband. When she was married to Commodore Archibald Watt, owner of the yacht American, former owner of the celebrated yacht Golden Rod, and member of a dozen clubs, wealthy, owner of the old Watt mansion, she had one child. The marriage took place in June, 1896. The Rev. Dr. Van De Water was the officiating clergyman.

Soon after the marriage the couple went to live on the yacht American, lying most of the time at her anchorage in the North River. Connected by telephone with the shore, the couple on the \$500,000 yacht lived happily for a while.

The first the outside world knew of the disagreement of the couple was when Mrs. Adele Watt began suit for separation. She alleged cruelty, made charges of various kinds.

Then came the Commodore's reply. He denied the allegations and said the letter he had written at her request to a woman was never to his wife.

A stewardess aboard the yacht made affidavit about Dr. Van De Water. She said he came aboard when the Commodore was asleep or was not aboard. On a couple of occasions she told of accompanying Mrs. Watt and the minister drank five highballs each while she sat

CHIEF CHARACTERS THAT FIGURE IN THE FAMOUS WATT DIVORCE SUIT.



Rev. Dr. Van De Water.

Archibald Watt.

Mrs. Archibald Watt.

by and drank a glass of beer. On another occasion she swore, she was told to wait for several hours while they were expected to be on an excursion. Later, she says, she met the clergyman and Mrs. Watt at the Grand Central Station.

When Dr. Van De Water's name was dragged in he made a vigorous denial of the charges and was ready to disprove the allegations made. Major Truman also denied the charges and was ready to fight for his reputation.

Dr. Van De Water was astonished when informed of the action taken. He says he will at once take steps to clear himself and does not intend to clear himself under the allegations made by the stewardess which reflected upon himself and Mrs. Watt.

Will Seek to Reopen Case. The Rev. Dr. George R. Van De Water, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the divorce suit, declared to-day, through his counsel, William H. Sage, that he will apply for the reopening of the case in order that he may clear his name of the odium that has been heaped upon it in the charges made by Mr. Watt. Dr. Van De Water will take advantage of the new law which allows a person whose character

is assailed in a divorce suit a separate action for the purpose of vindication. The suit brought by Mrs. Watt in this county and the counter-suit of her husband are still open. If, however, a decree had been granted to Mrs. Watt in Orange County Dr. Van De Water would have the same rights of reopening the case as he would have if the decree had been granted in this city before he had had an opportunity of defending himself.

Justice Bischoff Upholds Minister. Justice Bischoff, of the Supreme Court, was much surprised by the news that Mrs. Watt had obtained a divorce. He is a vestryman in St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Harlem, of which Rev. Dr. George R. Van De Water is rector. When the stories came out connecting Dr. Van De Water's name with the case he published a letter in which he said the people of the parish had absolute faith in Dr. Van De Water. The Justice said to-day:

"It is a sad pity that Dr. Van De Water had no opportunity to defend his name in court. While it is true that the judgment of the Court in Orange County in effect does absolve him from any charges which may have been made, it would have been more satisfactory had he been able to meet his

accusers in open court. This case was noticed for trial in this county in January, and the fact that the attorneys appeared and secured an adjournment of the trial to a short time ago seems to imply some sort of arrangement to try it elsewhere, presumably to avoid notoriety.

Cannot Annul Decree. "I cannot see, however, how the judgment of the Court in Orange County can be annulled. Although the law provides that one or the other party to an action shall be a resident of the county when the suit is brought to trial, yet if neither party objects, the court has no power in itself to take cognizance of the fact that the plaintiff nor defendant lives in the county; no power of its own volition to put an end to the proceedings. This undoubtedly is another proof of the arrangement between the parties.

"It is possible that there may be some form of action which may be brought by Dr. Van De Water in this county to bring to an issue the allegations made in the charges proceeding for the purpose of restoring his rights, but I have not considered the matter sufficiently to say. We, his parishioners and friends, certainly will do all in our power to vindicate Dr. Van De Water, at any rate."

and contestants will enter from neighboring cities.

"Now, I know something about Irish dancing myself," said the ex-Sheriff to-day, "and I always counted myself the best dancer in the district, so I know the feelings of every contestant. Will there be trouble? Well, I venture it will be peaceful enough to please the wildest Tipperary man."

Leader Charles F. Murphy, Senator Dowling Judge D. F. Martin and Congressman Sulzer will be among the Tammany notables on hand to applaud the winners.

OUT OF WORK, TOOK HIS LIFE. Alfred Moser, an ice-wagon driver, who had been out of employment, was found dead from carbolic acid to-day in his room at the Florence Hotel, No. 248 Eighth Avenue. He had been despondent for several weeks and lately had talked about taking his life. Alfred Moser, proprietor of the Florence, kept a lookout last night for Moser, his two men, who had heard of the driver's suicide threats, had called at the hotel and policy and would see that his remains were given a decent burial. Moser eluded the watchfulness of his landlady and, as the latter expressed it, made good.

DUNN TO JUDGE IRISH DANCERS

Ex-Sheriff Declares Tipperary Men's Ball Will Be "Peaceful" Enough to Suit the Wildest Tipperary Man.

Ex-Sheriff Thomas Dunn sees trouble ahead in the Tipperary Men's ball, Dec. 12, at Terrace Garden, where he will act with Thomas F. Walsh, of Washington, D. C. In judging the contests in Irish dancing.

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Choice pickles, new crop, packed in sealed cartons:
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Ceylon Tea, imported in sealed cartons:
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Vermont Maple Syrup, 1/2-pint bottle, 10c; pint bottle, 15c.

New Orleans Molasses, quart bottle, 12c.

Golden Drip Syrup, quart bottle, 12c.

Peerless Buckwheat, choice quality, fresh, 3-lb. package, 10c.

Triumph Buckwheat, finest quality, new crop, 3-lb. package, 14c.

Peerless Prepared Flour, choice quality, 3-lb. package, 10c.

Crackers.
Butter Thins, Social Teas and Graham (red pkg), 3 packages, 25c.

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White Pepper, pure and fresh, 1/4-lb. can, 10c.

Black Pepper, fresh ground, 1/4-lb. can, 8c.

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Salad Oil—Best domestic, pint bottle, 10c; quart bottle, 15c.

Peerless Sauce—Equal to best imported Worcestershire, 1/2 pint bottle, 10c; pint bottle, 15c.

Excelsior Sauce—A good Worcestershire, 1/2 pint bottle, 8c.

Peerless Catsup—Finest quality, 1/2 pint bottle 8c, pint bottle, 15c.

Liberty Catsup—Choice quality, bottle 5c and

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